

APRIL MORNING WATCH

April's Morning Watch is on honesty. April 1st is also known as April Fool's Day. Many people play tricks on other people to embarrass them. What do you think the Bible has to say about tricking people? We will spend this month learning about honesty from God's point of view. Most people think honesty means telling the truth. It does! Let's see what else the Bible has to teach us about it. Do the following each day:

1. Pray
2. Read the scripture
3. Answer the questions
4. Make plans to use or share what you learn today

- DAY 1 Psalm 25:5, Psalm 86:11 ~ Where does truth come from? What is it based on?
DAY 2 Psalm 40:11, Psalm 43:3 ~ What does truth do for you? How does it do this?
DAY 3 Proverbs 12:17, Proverbs 12:22 ~ What is the opposite of truth? Which does God prefer? What are His feelings about each?
DAY 4 Proverbs 12:19, Proverbs 14:25 ~ Compare what these verses say about truth and lies.
DAY 5 Zechariah 8:16-17, Exodus 23:2 ~ What instructions are given in these verses? What do these instructions have to do with being honest?
DAY 6 Acts 5:1-10 ~ What did Annias and Sapphira do wrong? Why was what they did so wrong?
DAY 7 Colossians 3:9, Hebrews 6:18 ~ What do these verses say about lying? How can we do what they tell us?

Honesty actually means a lot more than just telling the truth. Honesty means being completely open with a person. You choose to be open with people because you value their relationship. Let's look at some of the things that happen when we do this.

- DAY 8 James 5:16, I John 1:9 ~ What is the instruction in these verses? Why should we confess sin?
DAY 9 Joshua 24:14-15, Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ~ What is the choice that these verses ask you to make? Can you choose God and not be honest? How?
DAY 10 I John 1:6-7 ~ What do these verses say a lie is? What do they say about words and actions?
DAY 11 John 3:19-21 ~ What is the difference between light and dark? Who gets the credit for our ability to be honest?
DAY 12 John 8:44 ~ Who gets the credit for our ability to lie? What does that say about your walk if you lie?
DAY 13 Look up the word integrity in the dictionary. Job 2:3, Daniel 6:4 ~ List all the characteristics of integrity in these verses. What does integrity have to do with being honest?
DAY 14 II Kings 12:15, Psalm 41:11-12 ~ What are some benefits of being an honest person?
DAY 15 Proverbs 10:9, Proverbs 11:3, Proverbs 13:6 ~ List what these verses say about the man of integrity and its opposite.
DAY 16 Matthew 12:34-37 ~ List all the opposite characteristics of integrity from these verses. What are the consequences?
DAY 17 Look up the word sincerity in a dictionary. Read II Corinthians 1:12 ~ What does sincerity have to do with honesty?
DAY 18 I Timothy 1:5, I Peter 1:22, II Corinthians 2:17 ~ Can you be honest and not be sincere? What do these verse tell you to do sincerely or honestly?
DAY 19 Hebrews 12:4-11 ~ List the things that these verses say about correction. What does correction have to do with honesty?
DAY 20 Proverbs 3:11-12, Proverbs 15:31-32 ~ How should we act when we have been corrected?
DAY 21 Proverbs 10:17, Proverbs 12:1, Proverbs 13:1, Proverbs 17:10, Proverbs 19:25 ~ Make a list of the characteristics of a person who accepts correction and the one who does not accept correction.
DAY 22 Proverbs 28:23, Psalm 5:9-10 ~ Describe a flattering tongue. Compare the flattering tongue to a correcting tongue?

To walk in true honesty requires us to draw close to God daily. Let's spend the rest of the month finding ways to know Him better.

- DAY 23 Philippians 3:8-14 ~ What are some specific areas that Paul wanted to know Jesus in?
DAY 24 II Chronicles 7:14 ~ What active things do we need to do? What are the results when we do? How do humility and honesty go together?
DAY 25 Matthew 26:41 ~ What does this verse instruct us to do? What are the results?
DAY 26 Mark 2:14 ~ What instruction did Jesus give? Make a list of 5 things that you can do to follow Jesus.
DAY 27 Psalm 18:44, Deuteronomy 27:10, I Samuel 12:14-15 ~ What things will draw us closer to God? What importance does hearing and obeying the word of God have in our life?
DAY 28 Psalm 7:17 ~ This verse also mentions 2 things we need to do to draw closer to God. What are they?
DAY 29 Colossians 1:9-12 ~ What are you to be filled with - increasing in? What results will be seen in your life?
DAY 30 I John 1:5-10 ~ List everything these verses says about the evidence of knowing God.